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Things continued quiet with little or no trouble anywhere except Palmers Crossing, the rural area about 3 miles from Hattiesburg, where law is "enforced" by a sadistic Constable by the name of Wilmer Kitchens. Last weekend Kitchens got into a hassle with a local resident (the community is almost entirely Negro) and, according to some, got the worst of it. The young man left town, but since then Kitchens has made numerous threats to beat all the men and rape most of the women in Palmers.

White youths also drive about in Palmers a lot and have there have been a couple of instances this week of throwing beer cans or pop bottles at volunteers and at the community center.

A night watchman in Palmers quizzed a freedom school teacher, frightening the students. They were sent home early. Residents of the area are incensed and prepared to defend themselves with guns, if necessary.

The Free Southern Theater performed "In White America" to good houses on Monday and Tuesday nights. Pete Seeger gave two well-attended concerts on Tuesday afternoons in a freedom school and the community center.

About 200 gay delegates, alternates and observers attended the 6th district caucus of the Freedom Democratic Party/ ~~Executive~~ Seven carloads attended the state convention in Jackson on Thursday and elected Forrest County ~~representatives~~ two delegates at large, an alternate, the national committeewoman and secretary of the executive committee.

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A dozen volunteers and R. v. Beach of the ECC Ministers Project visited the home of a white professor from the University of Southern Miss. Sunday evening. The professor is leaving the state, but he had several Southern neighbors in who are not.

And this then there were the two well-dressed young men who walked up and down the streets of downtown Hattiesburg on Tuesday afternoon with signs saying "Drop the Bomb on Viet Nam" and "Civil Rights go Home."

Last weekend three local young men who have been working with CCFD tested two local theaters and the infamous Owl Drug Store. They were turned away.

A petition for removal to Federal court was filed by Atty. William Smith (Gulla) for Charles Glenn, Moss Point project director, who is in custody in Forrest County jail on a charge of perjury in lieu of \$5,000 property bond.

There seems to have been an increase in cars without license plates driving around the office.